

Tri-Weekly Astorian

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STEAM-PLOWING.

That steam-plowing is certain to become at some future period a regular branch of agriculture, may not be doubted any more than that steam will eventually supersede horse-power wherever it can be made available in the future as it has already done in the past. Agriculture can not afford to remain behind the arts in any particular. It has been brought to that condition now in England and the East that convenience mainly determines whether the farm be plowed by steam or not. Its great economy is no longer in doubt. In the month of April last, at a meeting of the London Farmers' Club, a paper was read by a farmer, Mr. J. K. Fowler, relating his experience with steam cultivation. In the discussion, or rather remarks—for there was no divided opinion upon the matter—which followed, several other farmers gave their views in a practical and interesting manner. It appears that the use of steam is so rapidly extending, that at one factory in England 100, chiefly double engines, are made yearly to supply the home demand, and 60 yearly for foreign customers. Also, that the unfavorable condition of the public and farm roads, the weakness of the bridges, and the crooked fences and small fields greatly retard the use of the engines. That in Germany 50 engines are at work on the sugar-beet farms, and that the improved cultivation—a depth of 15 to 20 inches being reached—so increases the quality of the crop that the enterprise is very profitable. In England, 200 acres a week have been plowed by one set of engines and plows, with three men, and horse cart to draw water and fuel, to attend it. The cost of breaking up the ground 12 or 15 inches, and then cultivating or breaking or loosening the subsoil, not turning it over, to 20 or 30 inches deep, is there \$3 per acre for both operations. There it pays a tenant farmer with but 200 acres to own a set of plows and tackle, the cost of which varies for different styles from \$13,000 down to \$3,000. Mr. Fowler estimates that the original cost of stocking a farm that fully employ an engine and tackle would be but little more than an equivalent force of horses with the harness and implements.

The engines used in England are wholly on the round-about system; that is, the plows are drawn across the field by two locomotive engines, one at each headland, or by one assisted by an anchor on the opposite headland. The plows in a gang of seven, plowing a land six feet wide, are drawn by a steel rope which is wound upon a drum on the engine. The direct traction-engines are found to be inferior in operation. Not the least important benefit attached to this method of cultivation is that the great depth to which the soil is opened not only renders it porous for the escape of surface-water, but renders it almost completely unaffected by drouths of the most serious character. This, then, is the present condition of steam culture in its native home and adjoining countries, and as one crosses our magnificent plains he exclaims: "What a field for the use of steam in the place of the horse and plowman, who 'homeward plods his weary way' after painfully breaking an acre and a half of soil in ten hours of toil." Capt. R. R. Thompson having introduced the plow into this State is deserving of the heartiest thanks of all Oregonians.

—According to the Portland papers there are "jobs" and "rings" in the city and county governments there that would startle Tammany. Surmising what we do of the origin of some of these jobs, and the rings, before they fell to pieces from centrifugal force, the discussion now going on in the newspapers about them is not only very disgusting, but very peculiar. It beats Bret Harte's "Heathen Chinee" for tricks that are vain.

VOLUME TWO.

Four months ago to-day the TRI-WEEKLY ASTORIAN made its first appearance, welcomed with a liberal support which has continued to increase up to this time in such ratio as to positively assure success. It was not deemed necessary in the start to make any fulsome statements respecting the course the paper should pursue, further than to make it understood that we should not advocate the claims of either political party, nor lend our columns to the advantage of any particular individual, clique, or hobby, to the detriment of the best interest of Oregon. This principle we shall continue to maintain.

To-day begins the second volume, and perhaps some statement of the affairs of the office may be a satisfaction to parties holding business relations with us. Advertising is a matter that is infrequently comprehended, it is often like "bread cast upon the water which returns after many days," and notwithstanding the difficulties of estimating the value of judicious advertising, there is no question but that there is efficacy in it, and no prudent man of business will neglect this part of duty. The ASTORIAN is one of the best mediums for advertisers in the State. The editions for September and October aggregate 18,820 copies. The terms for advertising (\$1.50 per square), per month, illustrate the advantages this paper offers for reaching practical, thinking readers.

Concerning the benefits likely to be derived by Astoria, and the commerce of Oregon, from the establishment of this journal, there is abundance of evidence to be seen in the thrift of this place the past few months—and the further fact that there was never such an interest taken in this subject before by parties abroad, as the daily receipt of letters of inquiry attest—many of which we might print, had we space to spare. We shall not wage a war upon any other locality, believing there is room for all to prosper, but we shall continue our efforts to correct the abuses and misunderstandings which threatened, at no very remote date, to wrest Oregonians from their grasp upon one of the most promising commercial relations the world ever produced.

Next year we hope to see telegraphic communication and a daily mail extended to Astoria. Those things are our worst needs, at present—with such facilities we shall be better enabled to keep up with the news of the day, but for the immediate purposes we shall do the best we can with a selected exchange list, ignoring the chief dispatches of this coast, which only occasionally furnish reports entitled to the appellation of news, unless such sensations are taken as matters of interest by the public. We do not so regard them.

Thanking our patrons for past favors, and asking a continuance of the same—here goes for VOLUME THREE.

—This is just what might be expected from a "wicked paper" like the Chicago Tribune, and after copying it we have cut it from our exchange list: "Before the war Jay Cooke was the publisher of a provincial newspaper in Ohio, and it is to be presumed he led a happy life and enjoyed a free pass upon the railroads, together with the largest pumpkins grown in his neighborhood, and the privilege of all the circuses, and was the oracle of all the country round. When the war broke out, Secretary Chase located him in the place where, apparently, it would do him the most good. He became agent for the sale of government securities, and the tithes from the ponderous grist which went through his mill yielded him a handsome profit, a fact which has induced numerous sympathizing friends to descend admiringly and pathetically upon the labors of the financial Atlas, carrying the Government upon his shoulders. The golden stream began to run into his coffers, and it increased in volume until Lee surrendered, and for a long time after. The war, which bankrupt some and killed many, turned everything he touched into gold, and left him a legacy of syndicates to continue the operation. He became a man of mark and consequence. He accumulated seven eight, or perhaps ten millions."

—The contract for the construction of a warehouse on the farmers' wharf that will hold 90,000 bushels of grain, was let to Capt. Mudge Thursday evening. The building will be 132 feet front, 45 feet deep, with 14 foot walls. The contract calls for the completion of the work within thirty days. 90,000 bushels will be equivalent to about four ship loads, such as are taken above the hog's-back.

HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX.

We find the following in a recent Michigan paper: "Ex-Vice President Colfax and wife were in town on Tuesday. We were agreeably surprised to see Mr. Colfax looking so well. He at least, appears ten years younger than he did at the close of his term as Vice President. The fearful ordeal through which he had to pass, of false accusations and conspiracy to blacken his fair name, concocted in the breasts of professed friends, was enough to weigh down the spirits of even the stoutest heart. It was no wonder then, that he seemed to grow rapidly and prematurely old, as he felt that many, even of his old friends, had doubt of his integrity. But things have changed, and to-day the general impression is prevailing throughout the country among the thoughtful men of all parties, that Mr. Colfax was a grossly injured man. There is to-day scarcely a person in all the land that believes that Mr. Colfax is any thing but a pure and high minded statesman, worthy of all the confidence that the Republican party and the people ever reposed in him. Of this fact the ex-Vice-President is not ignorant, as the thousand invitations that throng upon him to visit all parts of the country must fully testify. It is not to be wondered at then, that these numerous testimonials of confidence and esteem have lightened the heart of Mr. Colfax, and caused the glow of health and almost youth, to once again pervade that cheek and honest brow. In our humble opinion the day will yet come, when the American people, irrespective of former political predilections or differences, will honor the man that dishonest and heartless politicians sought to destroy."

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The paper will be neutral in politics and religion, reserving only the right to criticize flagrant acts of injustice in State or Church.
As the name implies, the aim in view is the promotion of all the social virtues, as well as the development of the material resources of the State. It will recognize the tiller of the soil as the man of capabilities, and the peer of the greatest.
Conscious of the fact that agriculture lies at the bottom of all civilization, and that the march of intellect only keeps pace with the expansion of the science of husbandry, its columns will always be open to the farmer for the exchange of practical hints touching the various matters of every day life on the farm.
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